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Mr. President, we're back to discussion of legislative amendment AM 1081 as offered by Senator Brown.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Discussion on AM1021, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I've done all on this bill that I intend to do. The number of votes that were there to bracket it indicates that the bill is in trouble. Now you all may argue through all these amendments that they offer and take that as a reason to support it. I think it is a terrible bill. I shot my wad in terms of the arguments that I would give to try to persuade you to do what I deem to be the right thing. Now I can deliver on the promise that I made earlier which is to let this bill go. Maybe Senator Brown has won, maybe she has not, but in any case, I believe that the women and the children who are to receive this child-support money are the ones who will be the losers under this bill. And I shall observe as my wiser colleagues try to deal with amendments that are going to be brought by people out in the lobby, which amendments will have internal contradictions. How, for example, in this amendment are you going to turn this activity over to the Treasurer, then in the latter part of the same amendment say that you may enter into an agreement with the Treasurer to do certain things. You shall at the top, but you may at the bottom of the same amendment. I will do what some of my colleagues have done on other issues in which I had a profound interest but they didn't, I shall observe because I do have a great interest and concern about this bill, but I have done the best that I could. I said everything that I could think to say and now I leave it into the hands of my colleagues.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is the point in time when we need to begin talking about what we needed...we've needed to be talking about for the time since 1996, when we knew we had to do this, and that is how we go about doing it. And so I would set out that there are three possibilities. The green copy of the legislation allows for contracting of the central disbursement...collection and